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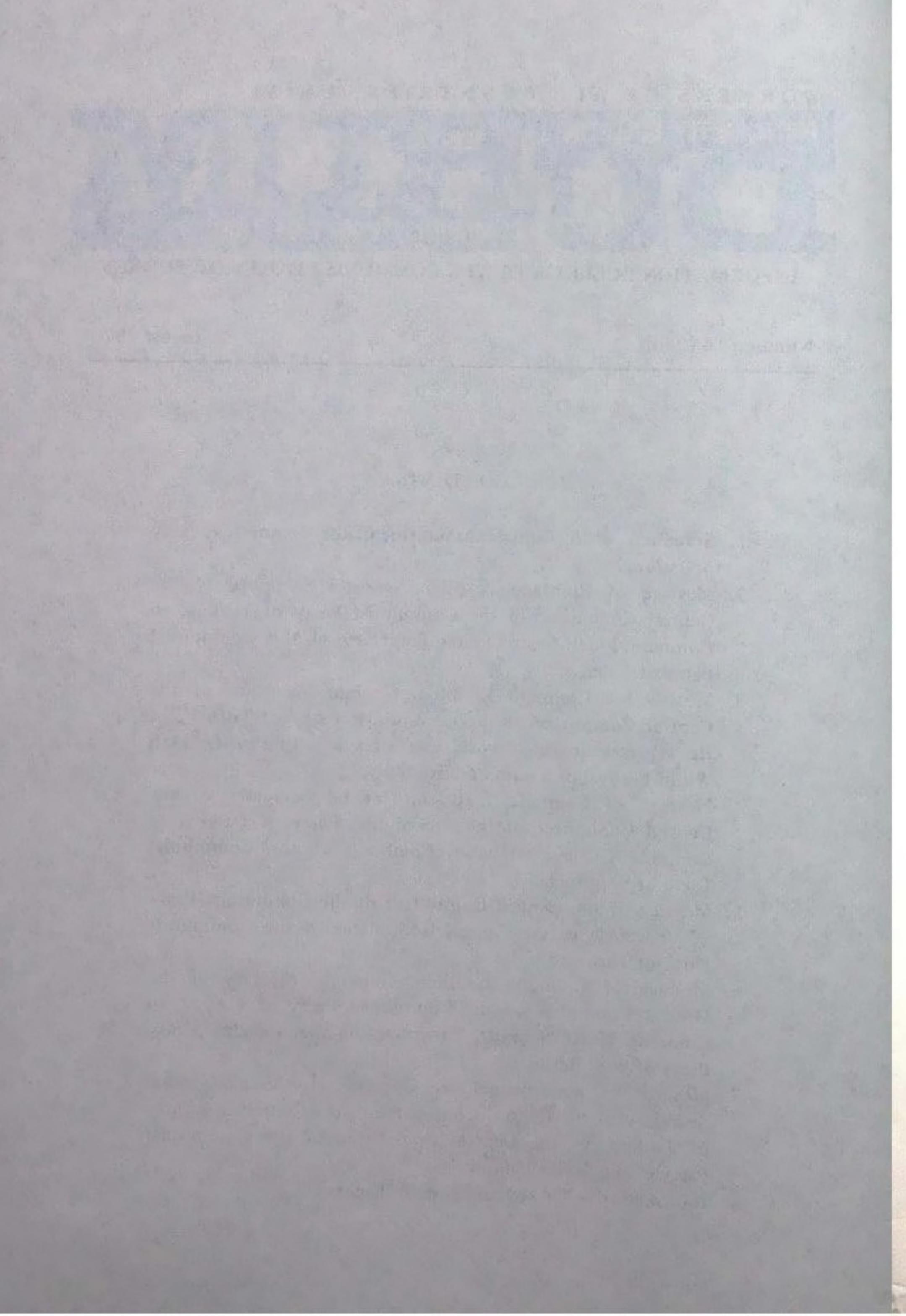
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STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY

The government has concluded an agreement with the heads of Türk-İş. Essentially, this compromise is the implementation of the demands of imperialist monopolies, the International Monetary Fund and the collaborating big bourgeoisie.

By means of this compromise, the domestic and foreign monopolies aim to freeze wages, directly increase exploitation, abrogate trade union rights and wipe out the economic and social gains of the working class. In this way they hope to further foist the burden of the crisis onto the backs of the working class and labouring masses.

This compromise seeks to prop up the yellow trade-unionist leadership of Türk-İş. This compromising agreement is aimed at bringing the trade union movement under the control of the bourgeoisie and, in particular, at preventing the organisation of class trade unions in the state sector. It limits the right of workers to choose their place of work freely, while legalising wholesale reprisals and mass sacking of workers. It deprives the demand for the right of referendum of its democratic essence.

The bourgeoisie is seeking to spread class-collaborationism within the labour movement via the yellow trade-unionists. It is thus striving to curb the struggle of the working class and "incorporate" the working class into capitalism. To this end, it is trying to create a labour-aristocracy and split the labour movement with deceptions of "profit-sharing", "partnership in the enterprise" and "participation in management". It is trying to mitigate the class struggle.

This compromise is a blow to the trade unions' independence from the bourgeoisie and bourgeois governments. The principle of the membership's right to express their views and decide matters of wages and trade union demands, trade union democracy, is trampled underfoot.

By this compromising agreement, the heads of the government and Türk-İş are pitting the working class against the peasantry and other labouring masses. They hope to tear down the foundations of the solidarity between the working class and all labouring sections of the population, to impede unity of the forces fighting against imperialism and fascist escalation.

The signatories to this document frequently resort to demagogic and phrase mongering in order to mask these truths. They link the cause of the crisis, the economic deadlock, to workers' wages. They claim that the cause of the political crisis, is the class struggle. In this way, they are defending the position of the monopoly bourgeoisie, concealing their aims behind a cloak of demagogic. In doing so, they hope to hide the real reasons behind the crisis: dependence on imperialism, capitalist exploitation, the rule of the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie and fascist escalation.

On the other hand, they insist that the working class should give up the struggle for its class interests in the state sector. In reality, these methods accelerate the process whereby the monopolies merge with the state.

Under what conditions was this compromise concluded? Imperialism and NATO's pressure on Turkey is increasing. The reactionary-fascist forces and the Maoists are stepping up their attacks. Efforts to draw the government to the right are intensifying. The monopoly bourgeoisie, the MESS bosses have engaged in a new assault on the working class, the Metal Workers' Union (Maden-İş), in particular. The reactionary-fascist forces, the collaborators of imperialism, are taking advantage of the vacillation of the government and this new assault on the workers' movement and stepping up their demagogic.

By bowing to the pressures of the imperialist monopolies and the reactionary-fascist forces, by giving concessions to them, the government is forfeiting the support of the people. Opposition to this policy is building up within the Republican People's Party (RPP). Imperialism and the collaborating big bourgeoisie are endeavouring to have the RPP-dominated government carry out the plans they were unable to implement through the reactionary-fascist coalition. The overt, crude methods of repression and terror applied by the previous government are being replaced by more refined, covert methods.

This compromise, which foresees the freezing of wages and slashing of worker's rights, is another link in the chain which already comprises a taxation policy harmful to the working class and low income groups, and rising prices which are crippling our people. In conjunction with this, repression directed against progressive forces, democratic rights and freedoms is intensifying.

At the very inception of this government, the TKP issued a statement telling our people that, despite the promises it made to the people, the government could adopt such an attitude, explaining the class and political reasons behind this. The government's efforts to infect the working class with conciliation and pacifism, its intention to back yellow trade unionism and make this a base of support were emphasised at the Plenum of the Central Committee. Events are confirming our Party's view.

The TKP upholds trade union unity on the basis of the interests of the working class. It upholds the unity of DİSK, Türk-İş and independent unions in struggle against imperialism, the fascist menace and capitalist exploitation. This struggle is an inseparable link in our people's struggle for national independence and democracy. The TKP calls on all national, democratic forces to oppose together this assault on the working class.

The reactions building up in the working class and trade union movement against this compromise between a handful of yellow trade unionists and the government, show that the working class will not abandon its road of struggle. The fascist escalation, gaining strength from imperialism, this principal danger, cannot be fought successfully without uncompromisingly defending the rights and freedoms of the working class, without uncompromisingly defending class trade unionism.

Central Committee

25 July 1978

Communist Party of Turkey

TO COMRADE FIDEL CASTRO, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA

Most esteemed Comrade Fidel Castro,

On behalf of all communists and revolutionaries of Turkey, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey greets your "Day of National Insurrection – the 26th of July", with the most fervent revolutionary emotions, on this, the 25th anniversary of that historic date which signified a turning point in the revolutionary process and struggle of the Cuban revolutionaries, under the command of Comrade Castro, carried out a glorious assault on the Moncada Barracks and the blood-drenched regime of Batista, the collaborator of American imperialism. This offensive lent a new impetus, not only to the Cuban revolution, but also to the development of liberation struggles throughout Latin America and the world.

The Cuban revolution achieved victory through the self-sacrificing battles fought by the Cuban people under severe and bloody conditions. Socialist construction in Cuba is developing and rising on the basis of the victory of this revolution. Heading this process, with its 240,000 Leninist militants, is the glorious Communist Party of Cuba, led by Comrade Fidel Castro.

Socialist Cuba is bound by unbreakable ties to the country of Lenin – the Soviet Union – and to all the socialist countries. Its solidarity, based on the principle of proletarian internationalism, is with the world communist movement and the peoples waging wars of national liberation.

Those, who 25 years ago, entered into battle against imperialism and colonialism, those who stormed the Moncado Barracks, are today extending practical aid to the Angolan and other peoples of Africa fighting against imperialism and colonialism.

The struggle of the Cuban people, its victory in the struggle for national independence and great achievements in the field of socialist construction, its stand based on proletarian internationalism, contribute to the struggle of the working class and people of Turkey. These constitute a source of strength for all revolutionary forces, communists, socialists and patriots, fighting for national independence, democracy, peace and socialism.

The Communist Party of Turkey is illegal. It is fighting under severe conditions of brutal repression and terror. Today, the working class and people of Turkey are waging a bitter struggle against American imperialism, NATO and the collaborating big bourgeoisie which has merged with imperialism against reaction and the danger of fascism. In the 6 months since the fall of the reactionary-fascist coalition and its replacement by a government with reformist tendencies, the CIA, the National Intelligence Agency (MIT), fascist commandos and Maoists have murdered hundreds of communists, revolutionaries and patriots. The Communist Party of Turkey is organising the struggle of the working class and labouring masses under such conditions. It is fighting to establish the unity in a front of national democratic forces.

Our people are not alone in their struggle. Behind them stand the world communist movement, the world socialist system, headed by the Soviet Union and stretching from Cuba to Vietnam, and the peoples struggling for national liberation.

The people of Cuba, the progressive forces of the world, are today celebrating two occasions in Cuba. The gathering of the world's youth in socialist Cuba under the slogan of "Anti-imperialist solidarity, peace and friendship", shows once more that Cuba is the impregnable fortress of socialism in this hemisphere of the world.

We celebrate your "Day of National Insurrection" with communist greetings.

I. Bilen

General Secretary,
Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

26 July 1978

**TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF WORLD YOUTH
PARTICIPATING IN THE X1TH WORLD FESTIVAL OF
YOUTH AND STUDENTS**

On behalf of the communists and working class of Turkey, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, greets with warmest revolutionary feelings, the representatives of world youth participating in the X1th World Festival of Youth and Students.

The X1th Youth Festival brings together, young people from all corners of the world under the slogan, "Peace, Friendship and Anti-imperialist Solidarity". This festival, this great forum of youth, is meeting at a time when imperialism is intensifying both its efforts to increase tension and fan the "cold war", and its provocations against the Soviet Union, the other socialist countries and the world revolutionary process. By staging such a massive event, world youth is standing up against these attacks of imperialism. It is raising high the banner of peace, friendship of the peoples, and national and social liberation.

The X1th Youth Festival is meeting in Cuba. World youth is observing in practice how the Cuban people are devotedly building and developing socialism. On the doorstep of American imperialism, Cuba is a bridgehead of socialism in this part of the world. It is an inseparable part of the world socialist system. Cuba is a source of strength for today's Latin American revolutionaries. It is extending practical aid to the peoples of Africa waging wars of liberation against the aggressions of imperialism. In this way, led by Comrade Fidel Castro, the Communist Party of Cuba, the working class and people of Cuba, are selflessly fulfilling their duty of proletarian internationalism. This proletarian internationalism inspires the youth of Turkey in its struggle.

The youth of Turkey is legally and in large numbers, attending a World Youth Festival for the first time. This festival is meeting at a time when the pressures of imperialism and the rise of fascism are intensifying in Turkey, when each passing day sees the murder of young people at the hands of fascist commandos, police and Maoist provocateurs. Conducted under such severe battle conditions, the preparations for the festival, gave a new impetus to the struggle of the youth of Turkey, fighting valiantly against fascism and imperialism and raising the slogan, "Our Road is the Road of the Working Class". These preparations were another step-forward in the formation and strengthening of the anti-fascist, anti-imperialist unity of action of youth. This process is aiding the formation of the unity of action and unity in a front of all national democratic forces put forward by our Party.

The Communist Party of Turkey warmly greets the representatives of the youth of Turkey, an inseparable part of world youth, the young fighters from other parts of the world, and the youth and fraternal Communist Party of Cuba, who are showing the youth of the world, such warm hospitality.

Long live the unity of struggle of the world youth!

İ. Bilen
General Secretary,
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

27 July 1978

TO COMRADE GUSTAVO MAHADO, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF VENEZUELA

Esteemed Comrade Gustavo Mahado,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, I congratulate you on the occasion of your 80th birthday.

The communists of Turkey know you as an outstanding militant of the working class of Venezuela and the world communist movement.

You have fought for many years in the ranks of the communist movement and at the head of the Communist Party, for the realisation of the ideals of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism.

We wish you renewed and great successes, health and a long life, in your struggle for peace, democracy and socialism.

With communist greetings,

İ. Bilen,
General Secretary,
Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

19 July 1978

**TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY**

Esteemed comrades,

In these days of bitter struggle, in which the militant actions of the working people of Turkey are intensifying, when, in this way, they are endeavouring to create wider opportunities for the extension of freedoms, the communists of Venezuela, declare their total solidarity with the working people of your country, and their support for the campaign being conducted for the legalisation of your heroic party.

We are confident that the democratic and progressive forces of Turkey, under the leadership of the Communist Party of Turkey, will further broaden this struggle which answers the interests of the broad working masses, that they will overthrow the order imposed on your country by NATO and other imperialist forces.

Long live the Communist Party of Turkey!

Long live the friendship between our peoples and parties!

Eduardo Galyegos Mansera
Secretary for International Relations,
on behalf of the Central Committee
Communist Party of Venezuela

**TO COMRADE HORST SCHMITT: CHAIRMAN OF THE
SOCIALIST UNITY PARTY OF WEST BERLIN**

Esteemed Comrade Horst Schmitt,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, I warmly congratulate you on your appointment as Chairman of the Socialist Unity Party of West Berlin.

I wish you renewed successes, health and well-being, in your struggle and in your responsible work.

I. Bilen,
General Secretary,
Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

22 July 1978

**TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION**

Esteemed Comrades!

We, the communists of Turkey, share with emotion, the profound sorrow you feel at the unexpected death of Comrade Fedor Davidovich Kulakov, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the CPSU.

With the death of Comrade F. Kulakov, you, the entire Soviet people, have lost a Leninist builder of communism and self-sacrificing comrade-in-arms of the international communist movement. His militant memory will forever live with us.

We extend our condolences to the great Soviet people, the Party of the great Lenin and yourselves

İ. Bilen,
General Secretary,
Central Committee,
Communist Party of Turkey

18 July 1978

INFORMATION – TURKEY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

In the period since the reactionary-fascist coalition government was replaced by the Republican People's Party (RPP)-dominated government, in the beginning of this year, imperialism and NATO have intensified their pressure on our country and people. Severe repression and attacks directed against communists and progressive and democratic forces, have continued under the government of Prime Minister Ecevit, a member of the socialist international. At a time when American imperialism and the NATO'ist forces have intensified their attack against the socialist countries, under the cover of "human rights", the most basic human rights and freedoms are being trod underfoot by the ruling circles in Turkey. Turkey is the only country in Europe where the Communist Party is banned.

In our country, security of human life has disappeared. In the big cities the people fear to go out after dark. Readers of democratic newspapers and publications are subjected to open attacks. There are definite districts which people who do not live there cannot enter freely. Since the establishment of this government, in the past seven months, more than 400 people have been killed by the bullets of fascist commandoes, the secret and uniformed police and Maoist provocateurs. Thousands more have been wounded. The targets of these attacks are the communists, progressive and democratic forces and the left-wing of the RPP. The aim of this mounting fascist terror is to draw the government further to the right, hinder its developing of relations with the socialist countries, to fan in our country as well the wind of cold war incited by imperialism, make this government do what the bourgeoisie couldn't accomplish using reactionary governments, and cow the progressive forces.

The Nationalist Action Party (NAP), the fascist party supported by imperialist circles and the collaborating big bourgeoisie, is using social demagogic in an effort to attract the masses, who have been intimidated. This party has occupied some important key positions in the state apparatus and in the army.

In such a situation, the government remains a spectator to the fascist danger. It is not dispersing the dens of aggression. It is turning its back on the promises it made to the people, maintaining a hesitant, wavering attitude.

Under the Ecevit government, investigations and repression of progressive forces and publications have intensified. Journals, such as "Ürün" and "Problems of Peace and Socialism", publications such as the "TKP Programme" and the "Documents of the TKP Conference" are being confiscated. Progressive publishers are being brought to court. 26 out of 47 issues of the "Ürün" journal have been confiscated. One progressive journalist-writer faces a possible sentence of 156 years in prison.

The trial of the "Ürün" publishers who published the "TKP Programme" is to be held in the İstanbul 5th Criminal Court. It will begin on the 17th of October. The prosecutor is demanding that the publishers be tried under article 141 of the Criminal Code. His tactic is thus to turn a charge concerning a publication into one concerning a secret organisation. The trial of "Temel" publishers for publishing the "Documents of the TKP Conference" is continuing in the Ankara First Criminal Court. The next hearing will be on the 27th of October. The prosecution is demanding that the publishers be tried under article 142 of the Criminal Code. Articles 141 and 142 were adopted from the Criminal Code of fascist Italy and then made even harsher. They ban the Communist Party of Turkey and the conducting of propaganda in the interests of the working class. Today the struggle for the repeal of these articles, articles which are directed not only against communists but against all progressive forces, has embraced wide masses in Turkey.

Investigations have been launched into 54 democratic organisations in connection with the shouting of slogans and carrying of placards demanding "Freedom to the TKP!" by the tens of thousands on May Day in May Day (Taksim) Square in İstanbul. Interrogation of the leaders of these organisations began on 16th of June. All these trials and investigations are essentially contrary to the Helsinki Final Document and basic human rights.

The ruling circles are also resorting to new provocations with the establishment of fake communist parties. Making use of TKP-ML, other counter-feiters hiding behind socialist masks using the names TKP (R), TKP (B), are involved in these attempts.

In recent days, those who are closely tied to reactionary bourgeois circles, agents of the National Intelligence Agency (MIT), and the CIA, came forward with an attempt to establish a fake "Communist Party of Turkey". This provocation, which is centred around the "Katkı" journal, has no relations, whatsoever with the working class movement or with the communist movement. The aim of the collaborating big bourgeoisie is to undermine the rapidly growing authority which the Communist Party of Turkey has among the working class, to confuse the masses and blunt the working class struggle. These efforts are in harmony with the RPP-dominated government's measures

directed at rolling back class trade unionism, curbing the working class movement and supporting class collaboration.

All these attacks and provocations have intensified in the days since the TKP issued its call to all anti-imperialist, anti-fascist parties, organisations and forces to establish a national democratic front — for national independence, peace, security, disarmament, democratic rights and freedoms.

The Central Committee of the TKP has given to fraternal parties information about all these developments.

